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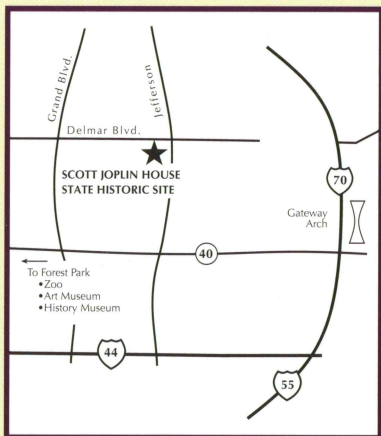
St. Louis, Mo.

In a modest walk-up flat at 2658A Delmar Boulevard, Scott Joplin and his new bride Belle began their life in St. Louis. It was then called Morgan Street, a busy, densely populated, blue-collar district of African-Americans and German immigrants. Located nearby were the honky-tonks and dives of the notorious Chestnut Valley. This black musical genius, buoyed by his success with the *Maple Leaf Rag*, was making his move toward the national arena. He would soon be known as the "King of Ragtime."

He moved here from Sedalia, Mo., where he had taken formal classes in music at a local black college, experimented with sophisticated musical rhythms, and composed *Maple Leaf Rag*.

Lit by gaslight, and appropriately furnished for 1902, the Joplin flat where many ragtime classics were composed awaits your visit. The building also has museum exhibits interpreting Joplin's life and work, and St. Louis during the ragtime era. The New Rosebud Cafe, a reconstructed structure that recreates a local turn-of-the century bar and gaming club, is available to rent for gatherings.

Let the antique player piano that here once again fills the air with Scott Joplin tunes be your passport back to . . . The Age of Ragtime.



For more information, contact:
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